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RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Applicant acknowledges that a Restriction Requirement dated November 01, 2002 pertaining to the above referenced patent application has been received.

In that restriction requirement, the Examiner required restriction between the following species:

Species A, as described by the process embodiment set forth on page 3, line 14-page 7, line 6 and figures 1-2 which corresponds with claims 14-17, 20-22 and 25.

Species B, as described by the process embodiment set forth on page 7, line 7-page 8, line 15; page 9, lines 8-11 and figure 3 which corresponds with claims 18-19, 23 and 26.

Species C, described by the process embodiment set forth on page 8, line 16-page 10, line 13 and figure 4 which corresponds with claim 24.

Currently, no claims are generic.

ELECTION

The Applicant hereby elects Group A, claims 14-17, 20-22 and 25 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant notes that the restriction requirement for Species C is improper. Species C is directed to a process of applying a high gloss material to the second layer of adhesive. It appears that this limitation is not a separate and distinct process but rather an additional limitation which further modifies the process set forth in claim 18. Thus, it is Applicant's position that claim 24 should have been grouped with Species B.

In the event the Examiner has further difficulties with the examination and/or allowance of the application, he/she is invited to contact the undersigned agent for applicant by telephone at (412) 380-0725, if necessary to resolve any remaining questions or issues by interview and/or Examiner's Amendment as to any matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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